

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on January 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 20, 12/28/2016; HB 56, 12/29/2016
Executive Action: HB 20, Do Pass

00:01:26 Chair Zolnikov
00:02:05 Brad Murfitt, House Sergeant at Arms
00:03:26 Chair Zolnikov
00:03:37 Brad Murfitt, House Sergeant at Arms

HEARING ON HB 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:48 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 193, Revise utility electric cost recovery.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:31 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest
00:07:33 John Alke, Northwestern Energy (NWE)
00:09:14 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:09:41 Chair Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:11 Rep. Woods
00:10:26 Chair Zolnikov
00:11:54 Vice Chair Skees

HEARING ON HB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:05 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 56, Revise motor carrier laws.

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:37 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a03\)](#)

00:28:21 Chair Skees
00:28:44 Gary Spaeth, Solid Waste Contractors Association
00:29:55 Chair Skees
00:30:00 Chuck Denowh, Uber Technologies
00:30:45 Chair Skees

Opponents' Testimony:

00:31:04 Mike Spreadbury, Self

[EXHIBIT\(feh05a04\)](#)

Rep. A. Knudsen left meeting
00:56:19 Chair Skees

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:09 Rep. Rosendale

00:57:31 Mike Spreadbury
00:58:20 Rep. Rosendale
00:58:38 Mike Spreadbury
00:59:17 Rep. Rosendale
00:59:30 Mike Spreadbury
01:00:22 Vice Chair Hayman
01:01:22 Mike Spreadbury
01:03:08 Vice Chair Skees

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:21 Chair Zolnikov
01:14:09 Vice Chair Skees
01:14:15 Rep. Zolnikov resumes the Chair

Motion/Vote: Vice Chair Skees moved that **HB 20 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:16:08

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh05aad.pdf](#))